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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL AF/C DIRECTOR

1. AF/C DIRECTOR DON JUNIOR HOPES TO VISIT SELECTED
CENTRAL AFRICAN POSTS PRIOR TO, AND PARTIALLY IN CONJUN-
CTION WITH, MULTILATERAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS JUNE 13 AND
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14 IN CONNECTION WITH ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC REFORM AND RE-
COVERY. NO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH FIRM ITINERARY WILL BE
MADE UNTIL BELOW REQUESTED RESPONSES ARE RECEIVED.

2. PREFERRED ROUTING WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:

LUSAKA: ARRIVE MAY 28, DEPART MAY 30

KITWE: ARRIVE MAY 30, DEPART MAY 30
LUBUMBASHI: ARRIVE MAY 30, DEPART JUNE 1
KINSHASA/BRAZZAVILLE: ARRIVE JUNE 1, DEPART JUNE 5
BANGUI: ARRIVE JUNE 5, DEPART JUNE 7
YAOUNDE: ARRIVE JUNE 7, DEPART JUNE 9 OR 10
ROME: ARRIVE JUNE 9 OR 10, DEPART JUNE 12
PARIS: ARRIVE JUNE 12, DEPART JUNE 12
BRUSSELS: ARRIVE JUNE 12, DEPART JUNE 15
LONDON: ARRIVE JUNE 15, DEPART JUNE 16

3. GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF TRAVEL IS CONSULTATION WITH MISSION AND HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS ON PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. DIRECTOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO COMPLY WITH MISSION SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW HE MIGHT BE MOST USEFUL VIS-A-VIS HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS. SECONDARY, BUT IMPORTANT INTEREST IS ON-THE-SPOT FAMILIARIZATION WHERE POSSIBLE WITH USG DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES, SPECIFICALLY PEACE CORPS AND USAID PROGRAMS.

4. FOR LUSAKA: WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MISSION ASSESSMENT OF ZAMBIAN/ZAIRIAN RELATIONS, INCLUDING ASPECTS OF EX-KATANGAN AND CUBAN PRESENCE IN ZAMBIA. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPLORE ANGOLAN SCENE FROM LUSAKA PERSPECTIVE. WOULD PLAN TO FLY TO KITWE IF AM-CONSUL LUBUMBASHI COULD ARRANGE FOR GROUND TRANSPORT KITWE/LUBUMBASHI.
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5. FOR LUBUMBASHI: IS GROUND TRANSPORT FROM KITWE FEASIBLE? EXPECT ONE FULL DAY WOULD SUFFICE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH CONSULATE PERSONNEL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES. IF MORE TIME NEEDED IN YOUR VIEW, ONE ADDITIONAL DAY MIGHT PROVE POSSIBLE, DEPENDING ON KINSHASA/BRAZZAVILLE ARRANGEMENTS.

6. FOR KINSHASA AND BRAZZAVILLE: COULD YOU WORK IT OUT BETWEEN YOU AS TO PREFERRED DIVISION OF TIME IN THE AREA? IN KINSHASA WOULD HOPE TO GET PREVIEW OF ZAIRIAN PREPARATION FOR BRUSSELS MEETING, PLUS MISSION ASSESSMENT THEREOF. IF TIME PERMITS, WOULD HOPE TO VISIT ACCESSIBLE PCV OR AID PROJECT AND/OR VISIT INGA. WOULD BE AT CHARGE KATZEN'S DISPOSITION IN BRAZZAVILLE.

7. FOR BANGUI AND YAOUNDE: DIRECTOR HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED, AFTER BANGUI CONSULTATIONS, TO OVERLAND TO YAOUNDE IN ORDER TO VISIT OUHAM RURAL HEALTH PROJECT AND SELECTED AID PROJECTS IN EASTERN CAMEROON. TIME NOW AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, OBVIOUSLY RULES THIS OUT. REQUEST EMBASSIES' RECOMMENDATIONS ON POSSIBLE SIDE TRIPS OUT OF

CAPITALS TO VISIT PCV AND AID OPERATIONS. UNDERSTAND THAT POSSIBLE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES MAY MAKE IT ADVISABLE TO REVERSE SUGGESTED ORDER (PARA. 2) OF YAOUNDE AND BANGUI VISITS. REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER SUCH REVERSAL IS ADVISABLE AND WOULD STILL PERMIT ARRIVAL IN ROME ON JUNE 9 OR 10.

8. FOR ROME: STOPOVER INTENDED TO PROVIDE FURTHER STIMULUS TO US/GOI WORKING LEVEL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON ANGOLA. ALSO HOPE FOR PRELIMINARY READOUT ON ITALIAN INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO EFFECT ECONOMIC REFORM AND RECOVERY IN ZAIRE. ABOUT TWO HOURS WITH RACHELE OR HIS SUCCESSOR AND RELEVANT PERSON FROM ECON SIDE OF MFA WOULD PERHAPS SUFFICE. DIRECTOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD BE PLEASED TO TAKE RACHELE AND OTHERS TO LUNCH ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, IF THAT PROVES POSSIBLE.

9. FOR PARIS: WOULD HOPE FOR OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FRENCH AFRICAN POLICIES IN GENERAL, AND TOWARDS CENTRAL AFRICA IN PARTICULAR, WITH APPROPRIATE GOF OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, IF SOME SUCH OFFICIALS PLAN TO ATTEND BRUSSELS MEETING JUNE 13 AND 14, IT MIGHT PROVE POSSIBLE TO LAY ON MEETING THERE AND FOREGO PARIS TRANSIT. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS.

10. FOR LONDON: LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER A TRANSIT STOP EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE FRUITFUL AND WELCOME. FROM HERE IT LOOKS AS THOUGH A HALF DAY WITH FCO OFFICIALS MIGHT PROVIDE USEFUL PERSPECTIVE ON BRITISH VIEWS RE CENTRAL AFRICA.

11. ON RECEIPT FOREGOING RESPONSES, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SET SCHEDULE AND GET IT OUT TO YOU ASAP. IF IMPENDING JUNE AFRICAN EXODUS MAKES IT NECESSARY, PLEASE NOW MAKE CONTINGENCY AIR RESERVATIONS. VANCE

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